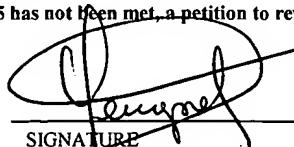


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Form PTO-1390 (REV.11-2000)  <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEYS DOCKET NUMBER <b>RN03103</b>
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (IF KNOWN) <b>10/563792</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/FR2004/001763</b>		NOT APPLICABLE
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>July 07, 2004</b>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>July 10, 2003</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>METHOD FOR PREPARING ANISOTROPIC SILICA AGGREGATES</b>		
APPLICANT (S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Lionel VENTELON, Julien HERNANDEZ, Françoise LAFUMA, Christophe CHASSENIEUX and Christelle PERREUR</b>		
Applicant herewith submits the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and 24 indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c) (2))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). <b>unsigned</b></p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210)</p>		
Items 13 to 18 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> An information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.</p> <p>20. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail.</p> <p>23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form PCT/IB/308 <input type="checkbox"/> Form PCT/IB/332 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form PCT/ISA/210 French version <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form PCT/ISA/210 English Version</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PCT/ISA/237</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PCT/FR2004/001763 as published</p>		

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24. The following fees are submitted:		CALCULATIONS PTO ONLY		
<b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic National Fee..... \$300.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) examination fee ..... \$200.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search Fee..... \$500.00  <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof..... \$0.00  Total of above calculation..... \$1000.00				
<b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>		\$1000.00		
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1,492(e)).		□ 20    □ 30    \$0.00		
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	14 - 20 =	0	X \$50.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0	X \$200.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (Check if applicable)		+ \$360.00	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>		\$0.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. (See 37 CFR 1.127). The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.		\$0.00		
		<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>	\$1,000.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)).		□ 20    □ 30    +	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>		\$1,000.00		
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) (check if applicable)		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>		\$1,000.00		
		Amount to be: refunded	\$	
		charged	\$	
<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <b>18-1171</b> in the amount of <b>\$1,000.00</b> to cover the above fees.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1171..A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>				
<p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>				
<u>SEND ALL CORRESPONDANCE TO</u> <u>Jean-Louis SEUGNET</u> <u>RHODIA INC.</u> <u>259 Prospect Plains Road</u> <u>CN 7500</u> <u>CRANBURY, NJ 08512</u>				
 <u>SIGNATURE</u> <u>Jean-Louis SEUGNET</u> <u>NAME</u> <u>Reg. No. L0088</u> <u>REGISTRATION NUMBER</u> <u>January 06, 2005</u> <u>DATE</u>				

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